THE WEBSTER MURDER GASE

Testimony of Eye-Witnesses to the Tragedy When Robert S. Webster Was Killed.

HIS BROTHERS ON THE STAND

Plats of the Entire Vicinity of the Tragedy Prepared for Use of the Court by Surveyor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTERFIELD, VA., Dec. 17 .- The rial of Walter Vaden for the murder of Robert S. Webster, next eldest son of Mr. John Webster, of upper Chesterfield county, which was begun in the Coun ly Court yesterday, was resumed this morning. The prisoner, who since the time of the homicide, has been out on ball in the sum of \$3,000, spont his first night in the jall here last night, where he must be confined while the trial is in progress. His wife, who came to court on yesterday, attended by several of her on yesterday, attended by several of her night or nine children, spent the night with friends here. She carries with her a nursing infant, less than a year old, which has been feverish and unweil since arriving here. Mr. John Webster, with his two sons and daughter, who are the Com-mon wealth's chief witnesses, are stopp. Ing at the Courthouse Hotel, which is being taxed to accommodate all the attendants upon the trial including the jury. upon the trial, including the jury.

THE TRAGEDY.

Robert S. Webster was killed by Mr. Walter Vaden on the 16th of July last, on the latter, near the Amelia line, his death quickly following a stab in the neck with a pocket-knife. The only eye-witness to the whole traged, Edward Webster, elder brother of Robert, testified on yesterday. This morning was consumed by the testimony of Lynn H. Webster, the deceased's youngest brother, who arrived on the seen of conflict just after his brother had received his death would. His testimony was in substantion of what had been testified on yestion of what had been testified on yesterday, namely: That the three Webster brothers, having heard that Mr. Vaden had made coarse and offensive remarks about their 'family, including their sisters, determined to investigate the report and interiogate Mr. Vadin person ally, and for that purpose repaired to his farm, which adjoins their own, in their work clothes and unarmed.

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He said the two older brothers, finding Mr. Vaden plowing corn down on his low grounds near the Appomattox, went up to him and begun a friendly conversation, while the youngest lingered some rods off and out of sight; that Mr. Vaden denied the charges of recent slander, but admitted using some opporblons epithets a year or so before, and in a few minu es, becoming enraged, exclaimed: "You two have come here to jump on me," and drawing his knife thrust at Robert Webster, who had advanced to within two or throe feet of him, cutting him first in the left forearm, and next in the uttes; that the second brother then grabbed Mr. Vaden from behnd, and himself received some seven or eight cuts, more or less dangerous, before the third brother could arrive on the scene and secure the knife by pounding Vaden's hand with a rock.

NO MALICIOUS INTENT.

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NO MALICIOUS INTENT:
The Websters disclaim any mail lous intentions against Mr. Vaden, and testified that they could easily have killed him after securing the knife. The knife, however, was thrown away, and the two-boys contented themselves with benting Mr. Vaden with their fists after disarming him.

Commonwealth's Attorney Judge Gre Commonwealth's Attorney Judge Gregory, assisted by Mr. Harry M. Smith, of Richmond, is conducting the prosecution, while Megsrs. Wells and Page, represent the defendant.

Plots of the whole vicinity of the tragedy have been prepared by the county surveyor, and introduced in evidence, and no pains have been spared by either party to strengthen, its side.

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The case against Joseph Freeman for violation of the revenue laws has been set for next Tuesday, and the case agal si Berkeley White, colored, for the murder of Otla White, for next Wednesday.

STRONG PROTEST.

Mr. Chamberlain Accused of Trying to be a Dictator.

LONDON. December 17 .- A number of LONDON, December 17.—A number of prominent nien who have accepted positions on Joseph Chemberlain's commission of experts, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a iff reform measure, were anneunce

The Standard enters a strong editorial test against Mr. Chamberlain's com-sion, as involving a complete change constitutional methods and being akir defiance alike of the authority of crown, the Cabinet, and the Legis-The paper demands that Mr. Bal The paper demands that Ar. Bai-fe discountenance the attempt to "as-y". an trresponsible dictatorship" and the steps to deprive the movement of cost of official recognition. It de-teres that the members of the commis-orn are mostly wealthy protectionsis-brdly one of whom would be entitled to be on a really strong royal commission.

HEATED ARGUMENT.

Supplemental Bill May be Filed in Tobacco Case.

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(By Associated Press.)

"NEWARK, N J. Dec. II.—A heated argument was precipitated before Vice-ch...nccior Reed to day when Julian T. Davies, of counsel for the companiants in the suit for the companiants in the suit for the application of the contract alleged to have been made between the Universal Tobacco Company and the Comman sait Tobacco Company and the Comman sait Tobacco Company since the plesent suit was began. The object of introducing he owderice, Mr. Davies said, was to show that the Common wealth Company which is owned by the Bullers, would have the Universal Company bound hand and foot, eventually delivered to the wheeler H. Feckham, for deendant, objected to the admission of the evidence only way in which it could be admit of would be by illing a supplemental bill After a long discussion he court accided that a supplemental bill.

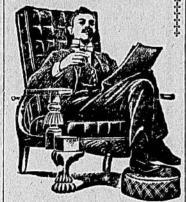
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clared by Captain McKinstry to be unusual phenomenon. One of the bolts struck the foretopmast, splitting it and bringing the rigging ratiling to the deck. Several other bolts struck the ship and caused some alarm to the passengers.
On December 15th Mrs. Holeman, o Alexandria, La., a second-cabin passenge from the Kroonland, died of uraema The body was brought to this port.

CHARGES AGAINST

(By Assoc Press.)

NEW HAVEN, CONN, Dec. 17.—In a paper read before the New Haven Medical Association on "Some Investigation of a Bacterial Treatment of Tuberculosis," Dr. Stephen J. Maher, of this city, has announced the discovery of a bacillus which is apparently beneficial in the treatment of consumption.

The bacillus was isolated from the milk of a tuberculous cow. Live culture were injected hypodermically into more than eight consumptives. Dr. Maher asserts that such injections are absolutely safe, and that many apparent cures have promptly followed injections given in the parties stages of the disease, while benefit has been given in the latter stages.

POSTPONE ACTION IN THE WOOD CASE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.-The Senate Committee on Military Affairs me orday and decided to postpone action the case of General Leonard Wood intil January 4th. It is planne dto go ove until January 4th, it is planne de 39 over the entire testimony that was introduced in the it stigation of charges and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports, which will be made. The majority report, it is expected, will be an endorsement of General Wood's military and civil record in Cuba.

MAN AND SERVANT SHOT FROM AMBUSH

By Associated Press.)
SHREVEPORT, LA., December 17.—
The body of George Manuel, the negro who was thought to have killed his omployer, J. T. Watkins, of Bayou Pierre, in Red River Parish, yesterday, was found to-day about three hundred yards from the seene of the killing. It now develops that both the planter and his negro servant were shot from ambush by unknown men, whose motive was robery.

TO MARK GRAVES OF CONFEDERATE DEAD

Teutonic Struck by Several Bolts of Lightning.

Of Lightning.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Favorable reports were ordered by the Senate Committee on Milliary Affairs to-day on the Star liner Teutonic, which arrived to-day from Liverpool after a rough passage, was struck by lightning when 200 miles east of the Newfoundiand Banks. The electrical storm, which occurred during the construction of the road to the Neglectrical storm, which occurred during the construction of the road to the Neglectrical storm, was de-

THE WABASH THE PARENT

People Now Settle on That Line as the Power Behind the Deep-Water Road.

STOLE A MARCH ON THEM

The Norfolk and Western and Chesapeake and Ohio Now See Big Rival Behind Move.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSON, W. VA., December 17 .-The reported decision of the Supreme Court at Charleston Saturday in favor the case of the Norfolk and Western Rallway Company against the Deepwater Railway, on appeal from Mercer county Circuit Court, has awakened the renewed interest of the citizens of this section.

While it may, and probably will, be bash will publicly assume the control of this road, it is pretty generally accepted as a fact here that the Wabash is the

real parent of the Deepwater.

The main point which lends color to this assertion is the desperate fight waged against the Deepwater by the Chesapeake and Ohlo and Norfolk and Western Rallway Companies.

STOLE A MARCH.

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They evidently smell a mouse now, although they allowed the Wobash, under the cover, of the insignificant name of Deepwater (supposed at first to be a small affair in fiself), to steal a march on them and obtain very valuable concessions in Fayette, Raieigh and adjacent countles before they caught on.

Were the Depewater only a small road to be built through this section these companies would not be at all distrubed, for in the natural course of events it would be gobbled up by one or the other of them, which in either case would practically amount to the same thing, because it is well known in railroad circles that the Pennsylvania system owns the controlling stock in the Norfolk and cles that the Pennsylvana system owns the controlling stock in the Chesnpeake and Ohlo, as well as in the Norfolk and Western. Therefore, neither company felt at all alarmed when the Deepwater first entered what they considered their choicest possessions, but rather considered. ered that the Deepwater would merely be a means of saving one or the other of n means of saving one or the other of them the expense and trouble of building

Then it began to be whispered about that the Wabash was the Deepwater, and they suddenly awoke to the knowledge that the battle of their lives was to be fought to a finish, and last week a decision of the Supreme Court is a Water-

loo to them.

The strenuous means used before get-The strenuous means used before gelting into the courts show how really alarmed they are, for, of course, they are bound to loss out in a legal fight in the long run. One thing is certain, that a powerful railway system is operating under and behind the Deepwater charter, and for some time past the name of the Wabash has been accepted exclusively in this section for the power behind the Deepwater realm.

LADY MANAGERS.

Confer Over Adoption of Rules for Their Governance.

(By Associated Press.) ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 17.—A joint ses-CHARGES AGAINST

ARMY PAYMASTER

(By Assiciated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts for the months of October and November, were to-day preferred against Capitaln John, W. L. Phillips, Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, by Colonel Francis S. Dodgo, chief payminster of the Department of the East

Capitaln Phillips is on leave of absence from his regiment, which is now stationed in the Phillippines. Following immediately on the heels of the suit for divorce brought by the capitain, in which Mrs. Phillips brings counter charges, the case has awakened unusual interest in urmy circles.

BACILLUS FOR CURE

OF TUBERCULOSIS

NOT SUITABLE.

Turkish Minister Told Explana-

Old Stage Coach Days

The individuals who were born too late to experience the joys of stage coaching in the early days of Missourf, while they may fellcitate themsolves upon the luxurious and speedy modes of transportation prevailing at the present time, can never, in the sil hest degree, appreciate of the Goncord coach, and their many rides of these who recall the introduction of the Concord coach, and their many rides in the same.

The vehicle was a revelation, a revolution and an evolution that seemed to leave nothing further to be accomplished for the comfort of the overland traveler. It was a crudic on wheels—a parlor in dayting and a comfortable steeping room with respect to that they know something the the past and the present.

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leave nothing fuither to be accomplished for the comfort of the overland traveler. It was a crudle on wheels—a parlor in daytime and a comfortable steeping room at night. With its full quota of twelve passengers, it never seemed crowded. In the summer time, with its curtains rolled up, it was breezy and sweet. In the winter, with its curtains down, light being admitted through small glass panes fixed in them, it was almost impervious to cold, the vitiated air being carried off through ventiators in the roof.

In that dav also, buffale robes were plentiful, and about as cheap as blankets. These robes were finely tanned with the hair on them, and when the hides had been taken at the proper season, the hair was as soft as the fur of some of the animals taken at this day for their fur alone. They were flexible, and could be handled with as much facility as the ordinary bed comforter of to-day.

The robes were generally tanned by Indian squays through a process in which the brains of the deer and antelope were the principal ingredients, while many of them were cuterly and beautifully ornamented with wild scenes and incidents of life among the red men, in indelible colors, Probabiy not a robe of this kind can now be found in all this land, and were it possible, the value of the same as a memento of old times, would be incalculable.

In cold weither the coaches were gener-

In cold weither the coaches were generally furnished with one of these robes for each seat, while the floor was covered with sweet, clean hay or straw. And then, also, at the glations, any one who desired to do so, could secure some kind of a foot-warrner.

COACHIN 3 IN RAINY WEATHER.

Even in the codest weather stage coach traveling was pleasant. It was only in the rainy set in that its disagrecable aspects materialized—then, while the passenger paid an advance price for passage, it was und stude, if not mentioned in the contract, that he would be expected to walk over especially bad stretches of the road, and if necessary, carry a rail to help pry the coach out of ruts and mud holes, while never besitating to lend a shoulder or a willing hand to assist the horses in dragging the coach out free

a shoulder or a willing hand to assist the horses in dragging the coach up the hill.

Under emergencies of this kind, however, the wonen and children remained in the coach—they must be pulled through dry shod, even if it took the hind and front traces.

While many of the men who traveled in that early day in Missouri were rough in speech, un out in manner, and devoid of the table eliquette that is now deemed essential to good breeding, they were the fewest in number who did not possess tender hearts and chivalrie souls. Women were as at fe in a Concord coach, even without an escort, at that day, as if they were in their own homes, and in more than one instance the writer witnessed the carrying of the women in the arms of stalwart men from the coach steps to the the carrying of the women in the arms of stallwart men flore the coach steps to the dining-room door of the station, that they might be are from the discomfort of wet or micoy feet. Again he has known a greet burly fellow to lend his shoulder as the ridling place for the head of a sleeping woman, or one, perhaps, suffering from some temporary indisposi-tion.

Every woman was a lady in the esti-

Every woman was a lady in the estimation of the nien, and every man betieved that i devoived upon him, individually, to care for her.

Occasionally, however, a brute in the guise of a mon would appear in the stage coach, but o the credit of Missourians of that day, nor one of them was even numbered in that class. The brute usually was some half-educated, supercillous dude, who esteemed himself made of better clay than any of his fellow passengers. The writer recalls only one specimen of this genus home, and he was called down so promptly that possibly never thereafter did he require a similar lesson.

lesson.

At that day the McPherson Hotel, at Boonville, was one of the most wholesome and best keet hestelfies in the State. The coach stopped are for a late breakfast, and during the meal our 'dude' was hard to satisfy. Nothing pleased him, and consequently he re-entered the vehicle in rather an !!! bumor. There were nine passengers in the coach when it pulled up before the bock, but during the breakfast three others had been added, and they occupied one of the middle scats facing the front.

One of the tirree was a man of seemingly forty yours of age, five feet, six or eight inches tall, with long light hair, which hung levely over his coat collar. The two others were women, one a full-blooded Indian squaw, the other a half-blooded Indian girl. Both were woll-dressed, but in semi-Indian fashion.

A BRUSH WITH KIT CARSON.

The coach had hardly reached the crest of Flournoy half, when 'our dude' took a cigar from his pocket and lighted it. At that day the McPherson Hotel, at

Turkish Minister Told Explanation is Unsatisfactory.

GRy Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 17.—Checkib Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington, and the washingt

red of railway had been built in this State, that there cannot be any comparison with respect to that between the past and the present.

For histance, picture a rare day in June, away back in the early '40's. A coach fresh and sweat as the datises and buttercups growing so profusely along the highway, four horsen, all prime readsters, each once knowing his business; a Johu on the seat with a long-lashed whip in hand, with which he can flick a fly off the ear of either leader; the sun just showing above the horizon, the grass green and tendor, the wild flowers peeping out from the fence corners, the peach apple and choiry trees in bloom, and the follage of the forest showing up in tender green; the birds showing to the squirrels chattering at each other as they go scampering off to the nearby brook for their morning abulutions; the young corn just showing above the rich, black soil, and out of the pastures the horses, the cows, the theop, the patient, mild-yed exen, and the frisky mule just waking up to the duties of the new day.

The team is fresh, and is bowling along at almost a 2:40 rate, and breakfast is only five miles ahead.

You are set ed by the driver, and he has told-you or the virtues of old Buck, the off leader, and what Zeke, the near one, can do, when, just as he is starting into the story of the wheelers, the refrain of a horn comes floating to your ears upon the so't, laimy air of that sweet June morning; again and again it comes, and as it dis away for the last time the John beside you draws from under his seat a long in hurn, and, seemingly without an effort, evolves from it such notes as it would secun impossible to produce from such a source. It was his answer to his brother John coming from the other direction. Hatt an hour elapses, and with a blast from tic horns and sharp cracks of the whips, the coaches pass each other, and he less than half an hour more the coach draws up at ribbon and tied beneath the chin with a blue one, greats you with a pleasant smile, while a curi of soft brown hair creeping down from under the hat in an attempts to kiss the dimple on the rosy cheek. The surprise to you is complete, for the girl was in the coach when you mounted the sea on the outside. Naturally, as a Missburian, you open the coach door, take her by the hand and escort her into the dining room of the station.

escort her into the dining room of the station.

In resuming the journey, at your invitation, she takes a seat beside you and the driver, and hair a day's drive brings the coach to the tront of a homely double log house, white the girl alights, taking with her your heart, even though you had met her for the first time that morning.

The result of one such accidental meeting witnessed by the writer, between a young man and a maiden, was a wedding within a year, and the foundation of one of the most eminent families of Missouri, the sole living representative of which is United States army officer, recently stationed in St. Louis.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PRESENT CITY HALL MEN ARE ALL RE-ELECTED

The Committee on Grounds and Buildings last night elected all the pic at force of junitors, otc., at the Cily if it for another term of two years, no other nominations having been ouved for any of the places.

When some routine business had been disposed of the election of enginess, the men elevator men and fantors at the disposed of the election of engines, firemen, elevator men and jonitors at the City Hall came up for election to the next two years from January 1st. All the incumbents in the positions of engineers, firemen and elevator men were filed by the election of the incumbents and when the positions of january some up Colone Cutshaw and Mr. Bottom spoks a. the failure of the present force to keep the hall in the order it should be kept.

Mr. Bottom paid high complimets to the efficiency of Messrs, Thomas Bahen, John Leaman, Joseph Frith and A. J. Ropper.

John Leaman, Joseph Fran and A. Roper.

After Sergeant-at-Arms Ruskell had discoursed for a while on this line, the entire list were re-elected, and the two wa.chmon were also re-elected.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

CHATTANOGA, TENN.—Official information has been received that transcontinental freight rates have be restored, effective January Isth. While the scale of charges has not been received, its declared that they will be practically the same as before September 1st, when an increase was made on all freight to Pacific or the territory south of

an increase was made on al freight of Pacific coints from the territory south of the Ohio River and east of the Mississ pol River.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The magnates of the American Base-ball League at their argual meeting here to-day rescinded be foul strike rule adorted last year as a soperiment, and declared in favo ? a schedule of 164 game in order to meet the extension of the National League schelule. The playing season will open April 16th.

schension of the National League schelule. The playing season will open April 18th.

BALTIMORE, MD.—By the extic lon of a steam pipe to-day in this fire room of the Turkish cruiser Medjivia, recently built by the Cramps of Philadelphia, four men were several vscalded.

DUROIS PA.—Four Italians were killed and two p obably fatally liquired by a dynamic explosion at Cramer, ton miles from lere, to-day.

WASHINGTON. D. C.—Charges have been filed with the department of Justica by Cooned With the department of Justica by Cooned With the States District Attorney Elliott Northeost and an investigation of thom was ordered by the nepartment.

ROME—Cardinal Gott, president of the Propaganda, was received in audience by the Robel—Cardinal Gott, president of the Propaganda, was received in audience by the Robel—Cardinal Gott, president of the Propaganda, was received in audience by the Robel—Cardinal Gott, president of the Propaganda, was received in audience by Harriey, of the Cauch of the Hoy Name. His Hollness radified the selecting squadron, which arrived here was 4 y. In readness to sail for Cavic after Curistinas. Coaling has begun.

SALE OF COAL LAND SALE OF COAL LAND

ON LINE OF C. & O.

COLUMBUS O. Dec. 17.—Negotiations were closed here to-day by which M. B. Mullins, of Logan, W. Va., transfers to O. L. Snyder, of Buffalo, and Henry Patton, of Albany, N. Y., 19,000 across of coal land in Logan, county, W. Va. The consideration is said to be \$150,000. The and lies on the Chesapeake and Ohlo

DREYFUS TO COMMAND REGIMENT IN ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Liberte confirms the report that the council of the War Office has considered the details of the Dreyfus reinstatement in the army, and that the regiment he will command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, has been chosen.

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tem right, and the best proof of this is a trial.

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GOVERNOR CRANE MAY BE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon to-day former Governor Murray Crans and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Secretaries Root and Cortelyou. The fact that Governor Crune was at the luncheon in addition to being an in-

The fact that Governor Crane was at the luncheon in addition to being an invited guest to the President's Cabinet dinner to-night induced considerable political comment. It has been known for tical comment. It has been known for many months that it is the desire of the many months that it is the desire of the President that Governor Crane should be identified in some intimate capacity with the presidential campaign next year. Indeed, it has been suggested that he might be the chairman of the Republican National Committee in the event of Senator Hanna's refusal again to accept the piace. It can be said, however, that that particular subject was not discussed at the lunches.

ular subject was not discused at the luncheon to-day.

Mr. Hanna has been requested by the President to retain the position of national chairman, and until he shall have determined definitely whether or not he will acept the chairmanship, no move regarding the matter will be made. In any event, it is understood Governor Crane will fill an important place in the support management hast year. campaign management next year.

"MEETING PRESIDENT."

What Takes Place When a Kansas Man Goes to White House.

sas Man Goes to White House.

Every day the dispatches announce that "The Hon. Mr. Prominent Kanson, of Kansas, was escorted to the White House by Senator Bland or Congressman Seandso and met the President."

This item means to most of the Kansan variety of the Kansan variety of the Kansan variety of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News, that the Hon. Mr. Kansan was remitted to the President's office under the guidance of one of our statesman and that there he was given a cigar, a good seat, and, together with the President and the Senator or Congressman, discussed the weather, the Panatam canal, the price of hoss, and probably the political situation in Kansas.

Hut it isn't that way. The facts are that the prominent citizen of Kansas accompanied by his Senator or Congressman fell in line in the anter-room of the President's office about 10 o'clock in company with a hundred or more distinguished citizens from other states, accompanied by their Senator or Congressman, and stood first on one foot and then on the other until about 11 o'clock. Then a side door opened and Mr. Roosevelt rapidly came in looking like a man who had a job ahead he was in a hurry to finish. Beginning at one end of the line the President rapidly worked his way toward the Prominent Kansan, who was turning over in his mind just what he would say to the President, and what suggestions he would make as to the conduct of the government. When

gave him an exhibition of those famous white teeth, and as the Senator or Congressman said. "Mr. Kansan," the Presdent said, "Delighted to meet you," with a congress on the "De" and with a warm on the "De" and with a warm ident said, "Delighted to meet you," with the accent on the "De" and with a warm grasp of the right hand, reaching at the same time with his left to the next man, a prominent Nebraskan, and repeating to him, "Delighted to meet you," same smile and same accent. The President is at the third man and out of hearing before Mr. Kansan gets his breath and realizes that it is all over and Mr. Roosevelt will not have the benefit of the information that he realized up to the the promise of the product of the product of the information that he realized the transfer of the have.

(Extract from "Rhymes of a Rebel," by Dr. Thomas Seibels, of Statesbore, Bul-loch country, Ga.) Ah! brave Dixle, my country, my dear native land, From the noble Potomac to far Re-

only thee.
And the more foce oppress, shall my love stronger be.
There's no region of earth that's so fair

be crushed thou, allegiance is due

Grande!

Tho'

to mine eyes-Surely none bath such rivers, such mountains, such skies, In thy borders I'd rather a log hut to hold, Than to dwell with the Yanks in a palace

of gold,

'Tis the land of Nat, Macon, Andrew Jackson, Calhoun.

Of George Washington, Jefferson, Clay, Daniel Boone,
Patrick Henry James Jackson, Zach Tay-

lor, Lamar,
Smith, Beauregard;*
Winfield, Scott. Stophens, Toombs, Kerby
Stonewall Jackson, Joe Johnson, the chief,
Robert Lee,
With Decatur, Kell, Semmes; vailant sons
of the sea,
Albert Johnson, of Shiloh, the war bishop;

Polk. With Sam Houston, who shatter'd the

With Sam Houston, who shatter'd the Mexican yoke;
Ilim, "idustrating Georgia," the gallant Bartow,
At Bull Run, when victory helped snatch from the foe,
Stuart, Hampton and Forrest, each a preux chevaller.
Their escutcheons inscribed with "Sane the bashed was pair"

tache et sans peur." Home of Sumpter and Marion, of Jasper and Bee.

and Ree. '
Maxey Gregg dying happy his beloved
State to free;
And with Bowie and Crockett, who, (fame
weeps to tell),
At the Texian Thermopyla, Alame fell,
Oh! most glorious land that such herces
hast nura'd!
Thou shalt rise yet and shake off thy
shackles accurad.

shackles accurs'd,
with thy "Star-Spangled Cross," in the
battle unfurled.
I'd cry "Dixle forever!" against the
wide world.
*Pronounced Bo-re-Gar,